

# *Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes*

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**Meeting:** Disabilities Advisory Council  
**Date:** 5/24/2016  
**Start Time:** 2:00 P.M.  
**End Time:** 4:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Conference Room 1020C  
 Multi-Agency State Office Building  
 195 North 1950 West  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84116  
**Type of Meeting:** Regular Monthly Meeting

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<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Absent:</u></b>
Peggy Augustine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shane Sadler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josip Ambrenac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angella Pinna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Westling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Erekon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Bowman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Katie McConaughy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lindsey Stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Welcome and introduction:**

The Chair opens the meeting at 2:05.

**Motion to accept minutes:**

Council approves the minutes from the April 2016 meeting.

**Clay on Budget Reductions**

**Presenter – Clay Hiatt**

The Division is currently working with a few providers to turn in their wage data for the legislative rate increase. Information already received shows the system is doing well at meeting legislative intent language.

Next rate change will be in late July to assure all payments are in. It will be retroactive to the start of July. The overall rate increase will be 8%. With the first rate increase, the average provider starting wage is \$10.91. The definition for direct service worker will not change.

There have been over 700 people found with \$4,000 in underspent money in their budget for over two years. Notices have gone out to support coordinators that these budgets will be reduced. It is important to remember these budgets are not actual dollars allocated, so savings cannot be directed elsewhere.

**Questions:**

Have requests for additional services increased under this process?

Last year, yes.

What about increasing budgets due to overtime costs?

Department of Labor increase do need to go through the RAS process so we can project what needs to be requested to the legislature.

**Tricia on Employment Efforts:**

**Presenter – Tricia Jones-Parkins**

There has been lots of work with our federal partners geared towards schools and rates/reimbursements. In the past, there have been several public meetings to establish service code descriptions. We are now working on figuring how to implement the costs of these service descriptions/codes.

The school-to-work project has been very exciting. DSPD is noticing an improved partnership with Work Force Services.

In terms of invested with Griffin Hammis, DSPD developed a new site in St. George and Cedar City. DSPD is working with the school district in Washington County. Logan has seen some results for student internships for people in services or on the wait list.

Vocational Rehabilitation is serving the most significant needs category. In theory, this group should be some of the people DSPD serves. However, time to get people these services is taking longer than desired. VR is working with a new process and new clientele, so the system is working with new challenges.

**Josip Settings Rule Update:**

**Presenter – Josip Ambernac**

The settings rule is a holistic approach to people in the community. It touches on person centered planning, not isolating individuals, and community integration. Each state has been required to send an implementation plan. Meanwhile, CMS has continued to stream new guidance. CMS has asked the Utah Department of Health (DOH) to resubmit its plan. It was resubmitted early this year.

The self-assessment is an item of interest for CMS to approve the State plan by September. Changing a physical setting is a larger requirement for some providers. For larger providers that are struggling, DOH is working with these agencies to meet goals. Join the UDOH listserv on their long-term care website. <https://medicaid.utah.gov/medicaid-long-term-care-and-waiver-programs>.

**Chandler Request for Services**

**Presenter – Chandler Menteer**

The Division will be releasing a new Request for Service process. The Division provided the Council with what started the process, the directives that will drive the process, the criteria used to standardize the requests, and what will happen next to advance the process.

Criteria represents elements already part of the 1915(c) waivers, ABI/CSW contractors.

The Division will forward Council members all documentation submitted to DOH for review.

**Items for next week:**  
**Housing**

**Motion to adjourn at 3:40**